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Jerry N. Johnson  
General Manager  
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission  
14501 Sweitzer Lane  
Laurel, Maryland 20707

Subject: Bulk water purchase during City of Rockville emergency

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing to request your consent to exceed the normal 6 MGD bulk water limit by the City of Rockville from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Section I (3) of the December 20, 1976 Agreement between the Commission and the City provides that, "In the event of breakdown or emergency involving the supply, treatment, or transmission of water with the City's facilities, the 6 MGD limit may be exceeded with the consent of the Commission."

As you are likely aware, the City has experienced two breaks along its 24-inch transmission main. This transmission main is the sole pipe connecting the City's Water Treatment Plant in Potomac, Maryland to the City's distribution system. We are currently engaging outside consultants to assist us with investigation of the problem and recommendations before putting the transmission main and the City's Water Treatment Plant back into service. Therefore, we are unable to determine the duration of the bulk water need from Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

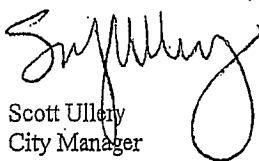
The City's average usage so far during June and July of this year is approximately 6 MGD and we have experienced a peak day so far this summer of 7.3 MGD. As you know the City and Commission cannot control the exact withdrawal rate of water from these manual interconnects, but with your consent, the City would like to meet its needs via the established interconnects consistent with this demand. At this time we do not anticipate peak demand day flow to exceed 8 MGD.

We have previously advised the Commission that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission meter at the Southlawn Lane interconnect is inoperable. I believe it is in our mutual interest to have this meter repaired/replaced to facilitate billing during this period of anticipated use.

Finally, I want to thank you for the Commission's assistance to the City during this past week. Your team has been extremely helpful in many ways from technical assistance to helping with materials. I want to particularly call to your attention Min Lwin and Rusty Tritapoe and several members of their team.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Please feel free to contact me at 240-314-8102 or via e-mail at [sullery@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:sullery@rockvillemd.gov) or my Director of Public Works, Craig Simoneau, at 240-314-8502 or [csimoneau@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:csimoneau@rockvillemd.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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City Manager

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